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**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Novel features and advantages of the present invention in addition to those mentioned above will be readily apparent to persons of ordinary skill in the art from a reading of the following detailed description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein similar reference characters refer to similar parts and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a card, according to the present invention, wherein seal 4 exhibits fine structure;

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken along line 2-2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of an alternative card, according to the present invention, wherein the recess 6 exhibits fine structure; and

Figure 4 is a sectional view of an alternative card, according to the present invention, similar to Figure 2, but illustrating a top plastic layer 5A along with the bottom layer 50.

**Detailed Description of the Invention**

Figures 1 and 2 illustrate a card according to the present invention comprising a core 1 with at least one chip 2 incorporated into the core. At least 5% of at least one surface 3a and/or 3b is covered by a seal 4. The chip 2 is covered on both main surfaces with the seal 4 and a bottom plastic layer 5. The seal 4 exhibits fine structure, as shown.

Figure 3 illustrates an alternative card and similar reference characters have been used to identify similar parts. The major difference is that the recess 6 exhibits the fine structure instead of the seal 4.

Figure 4 shows a card similar to the embodiments of Figures 1-3, but the card is covered on the top and bottom surface 3a and 3b with plastic layers 5a and 5b. These layers project beyond the outer edges of the card, and the projecting margins 7a and 7b of the two layers are welded together.